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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, August 11, 2013.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 11, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 16**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 11, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 15**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 11, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 15**, with the following restrictions:

Kupreanof Island Shoreline: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Hungry Point;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 12, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 16**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: waters of Port Snettisham and the Speel Arm SHA will be closed south and east of a line from Sentinel Point to a point on the eastern shoreline at 58°01.45' N. latitude, 133°45.35' W. longitude, and north of the latitude of Bride Point at 58°06.61' N. latitude;

Limestone Inlet: **will be closed.**

Section 11-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 12, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 16**.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 12, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 16**, in the waters of Lynn Canal with the following restrictions:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude from the northernmost tip of Kochu Island at 59°09.04' N. latitude;

Chilkoot Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05' N. latitude.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 12, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 16**, with the following restriction:

Endicott River: will be closed within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Lance Point at 58°43.95' N. latitude, north to a point within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal at the latitude of Point Sherman.

Section 15-C: The Boat Harbor THA will be open until further notice in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Lance Point at 58°43.95' N. latitude and south to a point 2.4 miles north of Point Whidbey at 58°36.96' N. latitude.

**Due to the Golden North Salmon Derby, D-11 and D-15 gillnet openings will be delayed until Monday, August 12.**

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department discontinued the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small king salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report king salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan share of the harvest.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S4413.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates  
Statistical Week 32 (August 4 through August 10)  
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 8, 2013

NUMBER OF SALMON							Days	
District	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
Section 1-B	30	2,500	5,500	110,000	11,000	129,030	45	5
District 6	50	1,000	6,000	50,000	3,000	60,050	61	4
District 8	50	200	2,300	23,000	3,500	29,050	39	4
District 11	0	51,000	1,000	13,000	5,000	70,000	117	4
District 15	1	8,300	183	4,600	4,400	17,484	65	3
Deep Inlet THA	22	20	180	6,000	44,000	50,222	55	2
Total	153	63,020	15,163	206,600	70,900	355,836	382	

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD						
District	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
Section 1-B	1	56	122	2,444	244	2,867
District 6	1	16	98	820	49	984
District 8	1	5	59	590	90	745
District 11	0	436	9	111	43	598
District 15	0	128	3	71	68	269
Deep Inlet THA	0	0	3	109	800	913

Anita Bay THA: cumulative harvest of 8,500 king salmon and 45,000 chum salmon.

Nakat Inlet THA: cumulative harvest of 69,000 chum salmon.

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